GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:621
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DEATH OF NAVY PERSONNEL DUE TO LEAKAGE OF TOXIC GAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Navy personnel died due to inhalation of toxic gas on board the Navy ship Jalashwa as reported recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the mishap;

(c) whether the Government has conducted inquiry into the incident; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. On the 1st February, 2008, when the Indian Navy ship, INS Jalashwa, was at sea, one officer and five sailors of the Indian Navy, who were aboard the ship, died after inhalation of toxic gas, which, apparently, leaked accidentally. A Board of Inquiry has been convened in the matter.